

“WE ARE SHARING SWAMI’S DIRECTIONS  
BASED ON BHAGAVAN’S TEACHINGS”

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, PART 4 (Q. 25 - 32)  
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**25. TRANSFORMATION**

*“Had they [office bears and leaders in the Sai Organization] taken up this stand, fighting from the beginning, this [Muddenahalli] group would never have met with any success! Please comment.”*

I agree with this statement. And as devotees, we did our little bit, but this . . . why weren’t these steps taken at the beginning? It’s not left to us. The reason is not known to us and we cannot question anybody because there’s no person who takes responsibility for situations of this nature.

“This is the problem. I’m a responsible man. You can talk to me.” There’s no platform to question. There’s nobody who is held responsible for such a thing. Nobody....whom are you going to question? So we cannot question anybody who doesn’t have that responsibility, who are answerable to us, who are accountable to us. There’s no platform to express. That is the weakness amongst us and the Organization as well.

*How can devotees remove these leaders who are silently contributing to the success by their inaction, silence...oh, this I answered earlier. [Q. 24, Part 3]*

And now, my friends, why all this? We pray for transformation in our lives. Let’s all be transformed. Let’s all be established in firm faith, leaders as well as members. If the leaders mislead us, check them, correct them. See that they’re just out of their position when all of us raise in one voice: “What you are doing is wrong.” But we don’t do that. So, because there’s no focussed attention, because there’s no unity among members, the leaders of the type you mention here are just carrying on, having their say on every issue.

Moreover, being loyal to Swami, how can anybody be disloyal to Him by joining some other group? Being loyal to Him, you’re a leader. But how can you go to the other group? Then you are disloyal. Loyalty and disloyalty cannot go together. Fire and water cannot go together. Therefore, with this question of loyalty, it is time to question, yes. It is time to raise the point at any place you find it convenient and preferable. Thank you.

**26. DEDICATION ONLY TO SAI**

Dedication only to Sai -- there’s a question on that:

*“Has Sathya Sai Baba instructed that officers of Sathya Sai centers should not serve as officers in other spiritual organizations?”*

YES, YES and YES! They should NOT be the officers in any other organization. If these leaders here are officers in the other place, they should be removed IMMEDIATELY, IMMEDIATELY, without second thoughts, without hesitation.

I know the Charter of Sai Organization. I was the State President of Sai Organization for Andhra Pradesh. I participated in several meetings of World Council and we had many, many interactive sessions with Swami on these issues, where Swami clearly said, “OFFICE BEARERS HERE CANNOT BE OFFICE BEARERS ELSEWHERE.” That’s what He said clearly. I think they’ll be no more doubts.

## **27. SEVERAL PEOPLE IN USA MEMBERS OF BOTH!**

*“Well, I know the president of the center is a regular follower of Madhu in USA. What should I do?”*

So bring it to the notice of the higher people. Bring it to the notice of the responsible people. They will take care. And continue pursuing this until you obtain results.

## **28. REMOVAL OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Then next question is related to the removal of office bearers:

Officers are expected to lead by example and demonstrate discipline in the practice of Baba’s teachings. They should discharge both their organizational responsibilities and responsibilities in their personal life. Yes.

Well, about the removal of office bearers. Yes, yes, the question is:

*“But in the case of repeated serious transgressions, the officer may be removed from office by or on behalf of the National Council or Coordinating Committee. Please advise.”*

This is a recommendation. This is a suggestion. This is an advice. Now they CAN be removed on the grounds of proof or evidence brought to the notice of National Council or Coordinating Committee. They’ll immediately take action. If not, they are disobeying the command of Baba. It only means they’re not responsible either to the members or to Swami for that matter. We are here as custodians of Swami. We should uphold this treasure and this wealth of the Organization. We cannot make it so cheap by putting it on the street. No. It is our responsibility to be trustworthy, to act in full trust. So such

leaders should be removed either by National Council or Coordinating Committee if proved that they're transgressing the disciplinary rules of the Organization. Thank you.

## **29. DESTINY AND SADHANA**

The question is this:

*“If everything is already preordained, if everything is already written, if God is the Puppeteer pulling the strings, why do we have to do sadhana?”*

Very good. When everything is preordained, why should I do sadhana? When God is the Puppeteer, when I'm going to dance according to the Puppeteer, why should I do sadhana? Very good question, very good question.

Now the answer is this: Though we said it orally that everything is preordained, practically we don't accept this. Practically we don't practice it. Practically, we're NOT WILLING to follow what we are saying.

If everything is preordained, do you take everything with equal poise, with equal balance, with equanimity? Do you take everything like that? No. Do you think it's all preordained, so therefore when some close person died in your house you say, “Preordained.” Can you take it like that?

When you get profit, do you think it's preordained? No! When there is something positive that happens, we take the credit. When anything negative happens, we throw the blame on God. So this is a kind of convenience or a kind of business that we're not supposed to do. If I REALLY believe it's preordained, I should have the spirit of ACCEPTANCE: whatever happens in life, I should accept it gracefully, happily, “Swami, it is Your gift.”

Birth and death are preordained. Do we take them in that spirit? We don't. So the feeling that everything is preordained, that everything is already written, is only verbal, is only oral; but it is not there in practical life.

Then, when there's the Puppeteer pulling the strings, why do you have to do sadhana? Lovely question, lovely question.

We have to do sadhana, not to change our destiny, not to change our fate, not to bring a change in that which is already preordained. No, no. It's not in your hands. Why sadhana? Sadhana is to develop the spirit of acceptance. Accept, “Oh my Lord, this is good for me.” “Oh my God, this is Your gift,” be it positive or negative, be it affirmative or totally negative, whatever it may be.

So to develop that spirit of acceptance gracefully, sadhana is required. Sadhana is required. Not to change the destiny, not to change that which is preordained. It's only to develop acceptance.

If I don't develop the spirit of acceptance, what happens? When positive happens, I'll be totally proud and egoistic. If anything negative happens, there will be deep frustration, depression, and even suicide. So to avoid both extremes, I should develop the spirit of acceptance that everything is Divine, be it that or this, whatever it is. Sadhana is a preparation for acceptance of that which is preordained. Thank you.

### **30. DECEPTION AND THE LESSONS THAT WE LEARN**

*“Why did Baba allow Muddenahalli fraud? Why did Baba let the birth of the subtle body deception happen? Why did He do that?”*

Baba did not do that. Baba did not do that. He did not. We people have done it. He has not done anything. Why? Point 1: God is only a witness. He doesn't allow you to do that; He doesn't allow you to do that. He's witnessing, *Sakshi*. He's Eternal Witness. And number two, this kind of negative situation is developed to test you, to test your devotion, to test your faith, so that you'll come out successfully, so you'll emerge gracefully, firmly established in your faith and devotion.

So He has not created a fraud. Fraud and that which is pure are obverse and reverse of the same coin. To prove the purity, fraud may be there. To prove the brilliance of light, day's given to us. And light is absent in the night. So by this absence, we feel the light. We feel the importance of the light in the night.

Similarly, this faith is put to test by these frauds, by these misconceived notions, by these people who make business out of His teachings. It's a test given to me. Yes! Rather, to put it biblically as per the Bible, which says Satan, Satan will put you all to test. Why Satan? Yes, if Satan is not there, how is He to test you?

Baba said, “Test is My taste.” Yes. Why? In order to pass you in examination. Tests are conducted not to fail you, but to pass you. So, these kind of things or developments, the fraud or whatever you may call it, they are all challenges or tests given to devotees to test their achievement so they can emerge successfully, proving to the rest of the world that they're firmly established in their faith and devotion. Thank you.

### **31. NO NEED**

Next question, it's too personal:

*“Have you ever thought of going to talk to those [Madhu/Muddenahalli] people, look at him straight in his eyes and tell him what you think of him?”*

Why should I go there? Why should I look straight into his eyes and tell what I think of him? Why am I bothered? How am I concerned?

Therefore, instead you put your question to them like this: “Why don’t you visit Puttapparthi?” Put this question, “Oh Mr Madhusudan, oh Mr. Narasimhamurty, why don’t you visit Prasanthi Nilayam and get things cleared?” Why not? Instead of asking me, “Why don’t you go there?” you’d better ask them, “Why don’t you come here?”

Think this way. When they come here, things will be clarified because the original place is this place. We need not go there because we know that it’s not original. “You need to come here to prove to the world that you are genuine.” But you’re not coming because you are not genuine. We need not go there because we KNOW that it’s not genuine! You understand? That’s what I mean. Thank you.

### **32. ALL THE FATE**

*“How is it possible that Narasimhamurty, Tigrett, Srinivas, who were close to Swami for many years, have fallen into the trap of Muddenahalli?”*

We don’t need to blame them. They may have their own reasons. They may have their own reasons for leaving Swami, and maybe their own problems, maybe their own issues. How can we speak on their behalf? Each one may be having a genuine reason for leaving Him which need not be necessarily connected to the person or the place. It is something that is absolutely a personal matter. Why they left, they know well. They’re very sure of it. Therefore, better we put this question to them, not to us.

Why are you here? I can tell you. Why have you not gone there? I can tell you. Why they have not come here? I cannot tell you. They have to tell you. Therefore, we don’t need to blame them also. They may have their own reasons.

But I say, “All the fate, that’s all; it’s all the fate.” (*Prof. Anil Kumar draws lines across his forehead, symbolizing the fate of the person.*) All that they earned for a period of time, for years, decades of stay with Swami, has been reduced to this state. Such a pitiable situation! As their well-wisher, as their close friend, I pity them. I sympathize. I don’t blame. Thank you.